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For:	FAULT DETECTION METHOD

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- 14 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- ▼ Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-058087 to claim priority date of March 2, 2001.
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